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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of Jacques Bourdel A METHOD AND A MACHINE FOR Group Art Unit: 1764 EXTRACTING, BY EVAPORATION, SOLID RESIDUE CONTAINED IN A FLUID MATTER Serial No.: 09/890,016 Filed On: July 25, 2001 ) (Our Docket No. 6687-03WOUS)

Hartford, Connecticut - January 24, 2003

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of September 25, 2002, reconsideration based on the following is requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: